

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0023] on pages 4 and 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0023] Referring to Figs. 1-5, the present invention provides for a band saw blade 10 for use in a band saw machine. The band saw machine can be any conventional band saw machine known in the band saw cutting art i.e., hand-held, table mounted, floor mounted, etc. The band saw blade 10 includes a flexible longitudinal-extending body 12 having a blade thickness T, shown in Fig. 4, along with a blank side 14 and a cutting side 16. The body 12 includes a plurality of spaced teeth 20 having cutting edges 22 formed on the cutting side 16 of the body 12, a blade valley or gullet 26 defined between adjacent teeth 20, and a cut out 30 defined in the blade valley 26, wherein the cut out 30 having a side wall 32 is positioned in front of the cutting edge 22 of each tooth 20 and extending straight through the blade thickness T below in a lower part of the blade valley 26. The cutting edges 22 extend a length L of the body 12 and can be parallel to each other. Referring to Figs. 2 and 3, each respective tooth 20 defines a ski-jump shaped profile. The cut out 30, which extends below the blade valley 26, can have a U-shaped profile, wherein the side wall 32 of each cut out 30 is preferably formed by the adjacent tooth cutting edge 22. The side wall 32 may, thus, generally be an extension of the cutting edge 22 below in a lower part of the blade valley 26. The cut out 30 also has an axis, which is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the band saw blade 10.--